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SUMMARY. NUMBER OF ITEMS FLOWING FROM DECEMBER KIRN CORSICAN)
ARTICLES ON POLLUTION IN STRAITS OF BONIFACTIO SURFACED IN ITALIAN
PRESS RECENTLY. FAVORABLE RESULTS OF MONITORING DONE BY THREE
SARDINIAN EXPERTS REPORTED IN SARDINIAN PRESS BUT NOT PICKED
UP YET BY NATIONAL MEDIA. MEANWHILE TWO PROMINENT SOCIALIST
DEPUTIES HAVE ASKED THE HEALTH AND DEFENSE MINISTERS TO RESPOND
ORALLY TO A SERIES OF RATHER DIFFICULT IF NAIVE QUESTIONS
REGARDING HOW GOI IS MEETING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN ASSURING
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SAFETY OF ITALIAN PEOPLE AND TERRITORY. FINALLY, IT IS RUMORED

THAT ROMAN ENVIRONMENTALIST GIANFRANCO AMENDOLA PLANS TO VISIT
LA MADDALENA FEBRUARY 15-18. END SUMMARY.

1. LA NUOVA SARDEGNA, LARGEST PAPER ON SARDINIA, PUBLISHED
HELPFUL STORY ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2 IN WHICH IT COVERED PRESS
CONFERENCE GIVEN BY THREE-MAN SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION PICKED BY
SARDINIAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT TO INDEPENDENTLY DETERMINE WHETHER
VISITS Y U.S. NUCLEAR SUBMARINES WERE POLLUTING LOCAL WATERS.
ACCORDING TO THEIR REPORT, TRACE QUANTITIES OF VARIOUS ISOTOPES
(COBALT 60, MANGANESE, CESIUM, ETC.) WERE DISCOVERED, BUT ONLY
BY USING VERY SOPHISTICATED SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT AND ONLY THEN
IN ABSOLUTELY IRRELEVANT QUANTITIES. THEY CONCLUDED THAT NO
BASIS EXISTED FOR ANY FEAR OF POLLUTION FROM RADIOACTIVE SUB-
STANCES.

2. THEY WERE INDIRECTLY CRITICAL OF PAST ITALIAN MONITORING AS
THEY REGRETTED THAT RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN AGENCIES (CNEN AND
SUPERIOR HEALTH INSTITUTE) HAD NOT SURVEY LA MADDALENA BEFORE
SHIP VISITS BEGAN AS THAT WOULD HAVE MADE FOR MORE ABSOLUTE
COMPARISONS. THEY HOPED THAT THEY WERE PRESENTLY MONITORING
SIMILAR HARBORS IN SARDINIA WHERE NUCLEAR SHIPS HAD NOT
VISITED SO THAT SUCH COMPARISONS COULD THEN BE MADE.

3. THEY ALSO SPECULATED THAT "BELT OF MONITORS" WOULD BE
INSTALLED AND OPERATIVE WITHIN 4-5 MONTHS WHICH WOULD AUTO-
MATICALLY SIGNAL IF THERE WAS A BUILD UP OF RADIATION OVER
TIME. THEY LAMENTED THE LACK OF A LOCAL LABORATORY AND CENTER
FOR ANALYSING TEST RESULTS BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
AND FACT THAT EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE IN ITALY. THEY EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT US EMBASSY OR PENTAGON COULD HELP THEM OVERCOME THIS
ROADBLOCK.

4. ARTICLE CLOSED BY ANNOUNCING THAT GIANFRANCO AMENDOLA
WOULD BE VISITING LA MADDALENA IN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND THAT HE
WOULD BRING WITH HIM SOME NEW "DOCUMENTATION". EXPERTS DID NOT
KNOW WHAT TYPE OF DOCUMENT HE MIGHT HAVE BUT THEY WERE SURE THAT
FROM A SCIENTIFIC POINT OF VIEW THEY HAVE ALL THE FACTS ALREADY
AND CAN ASSURE THE PEOPLE THEY NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT RADIOACTIVITY.

5. ON FEBRUARY 5 SOCIALIST NATIONAL PAPER, AVANTI, PUBLISHED
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REPLICA OF MEMO SENT BY TWO LEADING SOCIALIST PARLIAMENTARY
DEPUTIES REQUESTING ORAL RESPONSE FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO NINE QUESTIONS REGARDING LA
MADDALENA.

6. QUESTIONS ARE: A) WHEN WILL SURVEY RESULTS BE PUBLISHED?
B) WHY WAS ONLY WATER AND NOT AIR SURVEYED, WAS IT BECAUSE
MILITARY WOULD NOT GIVE ACCESS TO BASE? C) WILL COMMISSION

RECOMMEND THAT RING OF SENSORS BE SET UP TO GIVE CONSTANT AND RAPID WARNING OF RADIATION CHANGES? D) IF SO, DOES NOT MERE NEED FOR MONITORING MEAN THAT GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS AGREE THERE IS DANGER HAVING "REACTORS AT THE BASE"? E) WILL A CHAIN OF MONITORS FOR BOTH AIR AND WATER BE ESTABLISHED IN COOPERATION WITH SARDINIAN GOVERNMENT? F) WHAT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A REACTOR ACCIDENT? G) HAS GOVERNMENT RECEIVED EXHAUSTIVE INFORMATION FROM USN REGARDING "TYPES OF REACTORS PRESENT AT BASE? AND DETAILS ON THE NUCLEAR PROCESS WHICH OF COURSE AFFECTS NECESSARY SAFETY MEASURES? H) CAN THE GOVERNMENT ASSURE THAT THERE IS CONSTANT CONFORMITY BETWEEN THE TYPES OF MACHINES PRESENT AT THE BASE AND THOSE ORIGINALLY AGREED TO BY THE U.S.? I) DOES THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE ITS OBLIGATION TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AND ARRANGE ON ON-SITE INSPECTION BY A PARLIAMENTARY BODY OF MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SUBJECT?

7. WE ARE STANDING READY TO ASSIST RESPONSIBLE MINISTRIES IN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD THEY REQUEST OUR ASSISTANCE AND WILL BE CONTACTING THEM AS SET OUT IN REFTELS. TEXTS OF THESE ARTICLES AND THREE EARLIER ONES OUTLINING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SARDINIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/WE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INTERESTED WASHINGTON ADDRESSEES. VOLPE

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